



# BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date of Incident: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Time of Incident:

Incident Case #:

## Summary:

The Bristol Police Department would like to warn Bristol residents of an IRS scam occurring throughout the city.

On Thursday, March 10, 2016 the Bristol Police Department received numerous complaints from residents that they received a phone call from a person claiming to be an IRS agent or an automated phone message from the IRS, claiming they owed fees for late taxes. The resident would be threatened with arrest if they did not pay the late taxes.

The police department would like to remind residents of the following:

### **The IRS will never:**

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Residents should never give out any information over the phone and hang up immediately.

Residents can call the IRS at 1-800-366-4484 to report the scam or for more, visit "[Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts](#)" on IRS.gov.

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